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Transcripts of Robert Cole's Will and the Cole Plantation Account

Robert Cole's will and the Cole Plantation Account are recorded in the Testamentary Proceedings of the Maryland Prerogative Court, located in the Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland. The original documents do not survive. In 1663 the will was recorded in Testamentary Proceedings 1(D): 118–22. In 1725 it was copied into Wills 1:182–86, with slightly different spelling, punctuation, and capitalization. We have printed here the earlier recordation. The Cole Plantation Account, really a guardian account, was recorded on Tuesday, March 3, 1673, in Testamentary Proceedings 6:118–47. Since the clerk used old-style dating, in which the new year began on March 25, the year in our terms was 1674. Throughout the will and account, dates between January 1 and March 25 are old-style.

We have followed the original spelling and capitalization with the following adaptations: (1) we have written *th* instead of *y* for the thorn (for instance, *the* instead of *ye*), and (2) given that *u* and *v*, and *j* and *i*, were interchangeable letters in the seventeenth century, we have followed modern usage in spelling words that contain them. Most abbreviations are expanded. However, we retained the ampersand, the abbreviation *lb.*, and abbreviations of titles, such as *Mr.* Where words were crossed out in the original record, we have printed the word with a line through it. A handful of words are illegible. To indicate these, we have printed [*illegible*]. Page numbers from the documents are in brackets and are inserted in the text where pages changed.